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REPORTING ON THE ELEVENTH ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF

THE ICFTU - ARO.

SUMMARY. PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SECRETARY BLAS OPLE ENDEARED THEMSELVES TO THE DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY 11TH ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ICFTU-ARO WITH THIRD WORLD RHETORIC AND PROFESSED PRO-LABOR SYMPATHIES. MARCOS MANAGED ANOTHER UNCTAD COMPLIMENT AND OPLE WAS CLEARLY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORKERS REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASIA. SECRETARY MATHUR'S "REPORT ON ACTIVITIES" CONTAINED A BIT OF DOUBLE TALK ABOUT BUILDING STRONG REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY AND POPULOUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING TO IMPOSE CONSTRAINTS AND DISCIPLINE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD. THE ARO INCREASED IN AFFILIATES AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, BUT ENDED FY 1975 WITH A BUDGET DEFICIT THAT CAUSED THE OUTSIDE AUDITORS TO REMARK ABOUT THE ARO'S "LACK OF FINANCIAL CONTROL." THE FINANCIALLY TROUBLED ARO NEVERTHELESS EMBARKED ON A NEW PROJECT OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS - "ORGANIZE THE RURAL AND URBAN POOR." DESPITE THE INDIAN INTUC DELEGATE'S STATED DESIRE TO AVOID PROJECTS FUNDED BY AAFLI, THE DELEGATES UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT ARO TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM "FRIENDLY FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER 'INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES'." ARO WILL IN THE FUTURE HAVE THREE SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES AND WILL COMBINE THE TRADE UNION COLLEGE WITH THE SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES FOR EXPECTED ECONOMIES AND BETTER SERVICES. V.S. MATHUR WAS CHALLENGED FOR REELECTION AS REGIONAL SECRETARY BUT WON BY A WIDE MARGIN. SINGAPORE'S C.V. DEVAN NAIR WAS ELECTED ARO PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY. SULLIVAN

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